

Claims

- [c1] 1.A handbag system, said handbag system includes:
 - a handbag;
 - an outer cover; and
 - a fastening mechanism for securing said handbag within said outer cover wherein said handbag has utility without said outer cover.
- [c2] 2.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said fastening mechanism includes:
 - upper flaps than engage said handbag to secure said handbag within said outer cover.
- [c3] 3.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said fastening mechanism includes:
 - magnets secured within the lining of said outer cover to engage said handbag.
- [c4] 4.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said fastening mechanism includes:
 - hook and loop fasteners on said handbag and said outer cover to secure said handbag to said outer cover.
- [c5] 5.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said fastening mechanism includes:

snap fasteners.

- [c6] 6.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said fastening mechanism includes:
a zipper mechanism.
- [c7] 7.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said outer cover includes:multiple outer covers having differing looks.
- [c8] 8.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said outer cover includes:
an inner lining to minimize scuffing of the outer surface of said handbag.
- [c9] 9.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said outer cover includes:
a divider pocket in said outer cover to provide an additional pocket to said handbag.
- [c10] 10.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said outer cover includes:
a zippered pocket.
- [c11] 11.The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said handbag system includes:
a handbag fastening mechanism on said handbag to allow access into said handbag; and

the sides and top of said outer cover are partially open to allow access to said handbag fastening mechanism through said partially open sides.

- [c12] 12. The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said handbag system includes:
 - at least one strap on said handbag for carrying of said handbag; and
 - the top of said outer cover is formed partially open to allow access to said at least one strap on said handbag.
- [c13] 13. The handbag system of claim 1 wherein said outer cover includes:
 - reinforcement tabs formed on said outer cover in the shape of zipper pulls on said handbag.
- [c14] 14. A method of using a dual handbag system, said method includes the steps of:
 - providing a handbag that is usable without an outer cover;
 - providing an outer cover;
 - inserting said handbag into said outer cover;
 - securing said outer cover to said handbag by a fastening mechanism.
- [c15] 15. The method of claim 14 wherein said step of securing said outer cover to said handbag by a fastening mecha-

nism includes:

engaging outer flaps on said outer cover to said handbag.

[c16] 16.The method of claim 14 wherein said step of providing an outer cover includes:providing a divider in said outer cover to provide an additional pocket.

[c17] 17.The method of claim 14 wherein said step of providing an outer cover includes:
providing a zippered pocket in said outer cover.

[c18] 18.The method of claim 14 wherein said step of providing an outer cover includes:
providing a partially open top and sides on said outer cover to allow access into said handbag.

[c19] 19.The method of claim 14 wherein said step of providing an outer cover includes:
providing multiple covers of differing designs.